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[redacted] met with Mr. [redacted] and Mr. Robert Neal, of the Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee staff, to make a final security review of several unresolved security questions which, from the Subcommittee's viewpoint, warrant reconsideration. (See Memo for the Record for details.)

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[redacted] Advised Boyd Crawford, Staff Director of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, that there was no known basis for the report passed to him by Representative John S. Monagan that there was an international brigade in existence which was supplying mercenaries to the CIA.

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[redacted] At the request of Senator Richard B. Russell, the Director, accompanied by Messrs. Colby, [redacted] and Warner, met with Senators Russell and Saltonstall for a briefing on Africa and Viet Nam. See Memo for the Record for details.

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[redacted] Martin Cramer, Bureau of the Budget, telephoned in connection with the amendment made on the floor of the House to our early retirement bill requiring prior approval by the Chairmen and ranking Minority members of the Committees on Armed Services in the House and Senate. Cramer indicated the Executive Branch position on such language was sufficiently strong, that in all likelihood if it remained, they would recommend Presidential veto. We then discussed possible rewording to meet congressional desires and still be acceptable. Cramer added, of course, that the BOB would prefer that the entire amendment be stricken. We will consult further on this.